GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Import of Fertilizers
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has imported fertilizer to supplement the demand of fertilizers in the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the quality of fertilizers imported during the last three years, item-wise; and

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to allow the fertilizer companies to directly import urea, as against the current practice where only there canalising agencies import the crop nutrient, if so, the details thereof and its implementations status thereof along with results yields so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATES IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): Urea for direct agricultural use is imported on Government account through State Trade Enterprises (STEs) to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous production. Government is also importing approximately 20 Lakh Metric Tonnes urea from Oman India Fertiliser Company (OMIFCO) under a Long Term Urea Off Take Agreement (UOTA) between GOI & OMIFCO. The year-wise quantity of urea imported during the last three years and current year (up to November, 2015) are as under:-

Year From OMIFCO Through STE Total Urea Imported
(LMT) (LMT) (LMT)
2012-13 18.33 62.11 80.44
2013-14 21.21 49.68 70.89
2014-15 14.63 72.86 87.49
2015-16* 14.27 42.29 56.56

* upto November, 2015

As regards, P&K fertilizes, their import is under Open General Licence (OGL). Various companies import these fertilizers as per their commercial judgement. The year-wise details of quantity of P&K fertilizers imported during the last three years and current year (up to November, 2015) are as under:-

<Figures in Lakh MT>
Year DAP NPK MOP#
2012-13 57.02 4.05 24.95
2013-14 32.61 3.62 31.80
2014-15 38.53 2.91 41.97
2015-16* 52.88 6.29 25.72
* upto November, 2015

MOP includes both for use as direct application as well as for NPK manufacture.
The quality of fertilizers imported during the last three year as inspected by CFQC&TI is as below:
S.N. Name of Fertilizer No of ships/ Containers inspected No. of ships found Non std.
2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15
1. Urea 191 170 189 0 1 3
2. DAP 133 85 104 1 5 0
3. MOP/ SOP204 266 381 1 1 0
4. NPK (C) 12 26 30 1 0 0
5. MNF 69 89 119 0 7 22
6. NPK 100% WS 453 624 781 3 21 29
7. Sulphur 30 33 31 0 0 0
8. Others 4 11 15 0 3 0
Total 1096 1304 1650 6 38 54

(c): Policy formulation and change is an evolving process depending on the needs of the situation.

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